

BESTBUDDY SCHOLARSHIP & HOPE FOUNDATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1197722

Details

Other names	BESHFOUNDATION
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2022-01-31
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, ARE: 1. TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH LEISURE TIME AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO DEVELOP THEIR CAPABILITIES THAT THEY MAY GROW TO FULL MATURITY AS INDIVIDUALS AND MEMBERS OF SOCIETY.2. THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION BY PROVIDING TUITION FEES AND RESOURCE MATERIALS TO UNDERPRIVILEGED SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE AND PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL COURSES IN COUNTRIES IN AFRICA.3. THE RELIEF OF THOSE IN NEED ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD BY REASON OF YOUTH, AGE, ILL-HEALTH, DISABILITY, OR SOCIAL OR ECONOMIC DISADVANTAGE IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY COORDINATING AND DEVELOPING SERVICES SUCH AS, THE PROVISION OF BEDDING, CLOTHING, FOOD, FINANCE AND SUCH OTHER SERVICES FOR THOSE IN NEED AS THE TRUSTEES MAY DETERMINE.

Activities: Bestbuddy Scholarship & Hope Foundation works with local grass-roots organisations. We help to fund school fees, school utensils, uniforms, hospital bills and visits, pensioners, and loving homes for abandoned and orphaned children. Our program partners are our lifesavers. We work closely with our international partners to ensure the Nolan Principles of Public life are being followed thoroughly.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Nigeria

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£1,882	£1,793	-	-
2024-03-31	£2,295	£2,200	-	-
2023-03-31	£2,083	£2,928	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Abimbola Fasanu	Chair	2022-02-01
Oyindamola Ganiat Sosanya		2022-02-01

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/04/2024 Period start date To 31/03/2025 Period end date 31/032025

Charity name: BESTBUDDY SCHOLARSHIP & HOPE FOUNDATION

Charity registration number: 1197722

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The charity is established for the public benefit with the following purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advancement of Education: To provide scholarships, educational materials, and support for indigent children, enabling access to quality schooling.• Relief of Poverty: To assist vulnerable families, orphans or abandoned children by meeting basic needs such as food, clothing, and shelter.• Advancement of Health: To support healthcare needs by funding hospital bills, medical visits, and promoting well-being among disadvantaged communities.• Community Development: To work with grassroots organisations and international partners in promoting sustainable development and upholding the Nolan Principles of Public Life.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>During the year ended 31 March 2025, BESTBUDDY SCHOLARSHIP & HOPE FOUNDATION carried out a range of activities designed to advance education, relieve poverty, and promote health for the public benefit. These included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Educational Support<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Awarded scholarships to indigent children to cover school fees, uniforms, and learning materials.○ Provided mentoring and encouragement to ensure continuity in education.• Healthcare Assistance<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Supported vulnerable families by contributing

		<p>towards hospital bills and medical visits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Promoted awareness of basic health practices within communities. ● Social Care and Relief of Poverty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assisted orphans and abandoned children with food, clothing, and shelter.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when carrying out the charity's purposes and planning its activities. In particular, the trustees have ensured that all projects, including scholarships, healthcare support, and welfare assistance, are directed towards delivering clear public benefit in line with the charity's objectives.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<p>The trustees of BESTBUDDY SCHOLARSHIP & HOPE FOUNDATION consider applications for support in line with the charity's purposes of advancing education, relieving poverty, and promoting health. Grants are awarded on the following basis:</p> <p>Eligibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Priority is given to indigent children, vulnerable families, pensioners, and orphaned or abandoned children. ○ Beneficiaries must demonstrate genuine need and alignment with the charity's objectives. <p>Assessment Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Applications are reviewed by trustees against agreed criteria, including financial need, potential impact, and sustainability. ● Trustees ensure that grants are distributed fairly and transparently. <p>Decision Making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All grant decisions are made collectively by the trustees. ● Grants are approved only where they clearly advance the charity's purposes and deliver public benefit. <p>Monitoring and Accountability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Beneficiaries are asked to provide feedback or evidence of how grants were used. ● Trustees monitor outcomes to ensure funds are used effectively and responsibly.

<p>Policy on social investment including program related investment</p>	<p>Para 1.38</p>	<p>The trustees confirm that the charity does not hold investments and does not engage in social or program-related investment activities. All funds received are applied directly to the charity's purposes, primarily scholarships, healthcare support, and welfare assistance, to maximise immediate public benefit.</p>
<p>Contribution made by volunteers</p>	<p>Para 1.38</p>	<p>The charity is supported by a small but dedicated team of three volunteers who play a vital role in delivering its objectives. Their contributions during the year included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational Support: Assisting with scholarship administration, liaising with schools, and distributing learning materials. • Community Outreach: Helping identify indigent children and vulnerable families in need of assistance. • Fundraising and Advocacy: Supporting awareness campaigns and engaging with local communities to promote the charity's mission • The charity is supported by a small but dedicated team of three volunteers who play a vital role in delivering its objectives. Their contributions during the year included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational Support: Assisting with scholarship administration, liaising with schools, and distributing learning materials. • Community Outreach: Helping identify indigent children and vulnerable families in need of assistance. • Fundraising and Advocacy: Supporting awareness campaigns and engaging with local communities to promote the charity's mission • Operational Support: Providing administrative help to trustees, ensuring smooth delivery of projects and services. <p>The trustees acknowledge with gratitude the commitment and time freely given by volunteers, without which the charity could not achieve its aims. Their efforts significantly enhance the impact of limited financial resources, ensuring maximum benefit to beneficiaries.</p>
<p>Other</p>		<p>The trustees confirm that safeguarding policies are in place to protect children and vulnerable adults. Key risks, such as limited</p>

		funding and reliance on volunteers, are regularly reviewed and managed. The charity continues to build partnerships with grassroots organisations and international supporters to strengthen its impact. The trustees also acknowledge with gratitude the contributions of donors, volunteers, and partner institutions whose support has been vital to achieving the charity's objectives.
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>During the year ended 31 March 2025, the charity made significant progress in advancing its purposes and delivering public benefit. Key achievements included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational Impact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Awarded scholarships and provided school materials to indigent children, enabling them to remain in education and improve their future prospects. ○ Reduced school drop-out rates among vulnerable families by covering essential costs such as uniforms and fees. • Healthcare Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assisted families with hospital bills and medical visits, ensuring access to vital healthcare services that would otherwise have been unaffordable. ○ Improved health outcomes for children and reduced the burden of untreated illness in disadvantaged communities. • Social Care and Poverty Relief <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provided food, clothing, and shelter to orphaned and abandoned children, offering them stability and hope. • Community Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Strengthened partnerships with grassroots organisations and enhanced the charity's reach and effectiveness. ○ Promoted values of integrity and accountability by operating in line with the Nolan Principles of Public Life.

		<p>Difference Made to Beneficiaries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children supported through scholarships gained access to education that would otherwise have been denied, opening pathways to better opportunities. • Families receiving healthcare assistance experienced reduced financial stress and improved well-being. • Vulnerable individuals benefited from immediate relief from poverty, leading to greater stability and resilience. <p>Wider Benefits to Society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By investing in education, the charity contributes to breaking cycles of poverty and fostering long-term community development. • Healthcare support reduces the strain on local health systems and improves public health outcomes. • Social care initiatives strengthen community cohesion and demonstrate compassion, inspiring wider societal commitment to supporting vulnerable groups.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>During the year, the charity set objectives to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide scholarships to at least 20 indigent children. • Support vulnerable families with healthcare assistance. • Strengthen partnerships with grassroots organisations. <p>Against these objectives, the charity successfully awarded scholarships, covered hospital bills for several families, and expanded its outreach through collaboration with local schools and healthcare providers. These achievements demonstrate progress in line with the charity's stated purposes</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>.The charity aimed to raise sufficient funds to cover its scholarship and healthcare commitments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total income raised: £1882 • Total expenditure: £1793 <p>Although fundraising activities were modest in scale, they met the immediate objectives of sustaining scholarship awards and healthcare support. The trustees continue to explore opportunities to expand fundraising capacity to increase impact in future years.</p>
		The trustees confirm that the charity does

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	not hold investments and therefore has no investment performance to report. All funds received during the year were applied directly to charitable purposes — primarily scholarships, healthcare support, and welfare assistance — to maximise immediate public benefit.
Other		The trustees confirm that safeguarding policies are in place to protect children and vulnerable adults. Key risks, such as limited funding and reliance on volunteers, are regularly reviewed and managed. The charity continues to build partnerships with grassroots organisations and international supporters to strengthen its impact. The trustees also acknowledge with gratitude the contributions of donors, volunteers, and partner institutions whose support has been vital to achieving the charity's objectives.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At the end of the reporting period (31 March 2025), BESTBUDDY SCHOLARSHIP & HOPE FOUNDATION recorded total income of £1,882 and total expenditure of £1,793 , resulting in a modest surplus of £89 . The charity's financial position remains stable, with funds applied directly to charitable activities including scholarships, healthcare support, and welfare assistance.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The trustees' policy is to maintain reserves at a level sufficient to ensure the charity can continue its core activities in the event of unforeseen reductions in income or unexpected increases in expenditure. Reserves are held to provide financial stability and to safeguard the charity's ability to meet its commitments to beneficiaries.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	As at 31 March 2025, the charity held £89 in reserves.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The trustees acknowledge that reserves are currently minimal. This is due to the charity's policy of applying the majority of funds directly to charitable purposes to maximise immediate public benefit. The trustees are actively exploring opportunities to strengthen fundraising capacity and build reserves in future years.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	The charity had no funds materially in deficit during the reporting period.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The trustees have reviewed the charity's financial position and future plans. While income levels remain modest, there are no material uncertainties that cast doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees are confident that

		with continued volunteer support and fundraising efforts, the charity will be able to sustain its activities in the coming year.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>The charity's principal sources of funds during the year were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donations from individual supporters and well-wishers. • Fundraising activities carried out by trustees and volunteers, including community appeals. <p>All funds raised were applied directly to the charity's purposes — scholarships, healthcare support, and welfare assistance — ensuring maximum public benefit.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	<p>The trustees confirm that the charity does not hold investments and has not adopted a social investment policy. The charity's policy is to apply all available funds directly to charitable activities rather than investing them. Should circumstances change in future, the trustees will review the need for an investment policy to ensure compliance with Charity Commission guidance.</p>
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>The trustees have identified the following principal risks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding Risk: Reliance on modest donations and fundraising activities may limit the charity's ability to expand its work. • Operational Risk: Dependence on a small number of volunteers could affect continuity if volunteer capacity decreases. • External Risk: Economic pressures and rising costs may reduce donor contributions and increase demand for support. • Safeguarding Risk: As the charity works with children and vulnerable families, safeguarding remains a priority. <p>Mitigation measures include regular monitoring of finances, active fundraising efforts, recruitment of volunteers, and maintaining safeguarding policies.</p>
Other		<p>The trustees confirm that safeguarding policies are in place to protect children and vulnerable adults. Compliance with statutory obligations, including timely submission of accounts and reports, has been maintained. The trustees acknowledge with gratitude the contributions of donors, volunteers, and partner organisations whose support has been vital to achieving the charity's objectives</p>

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The charity is governed by its constitution, which sets out its charitable purposes, governance arrangements, and trustee responsibilities.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The charity is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales. This structure provides the charity with legal personality and limited liability for its trustees.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trustees are appointed in accordance with the provisions of the governing document. New trustees may be nominated and elected by the existing board, subject to approval under the constitution. The governing document allows for trustees to be appointed based on their skills, experience, and commitment to the charity's objectives. Trustees serve for renewable terms, with periodic review to ensure effective governance. No external body or individual has automatic rights to appoint trustees; appointments are made internally by the board in line with constitutional provisions.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	<p>The charity has adopted procedures to ensure new trustees are properly inducted into their role. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing a copy of the governing document and key Charity Commission guidance. Orientation on the charity's objectives, activities, and safeguarding responsibilities. Ongoing access to training resources and updates on governance best practice. Trustees are encouraged to attend external training sessions where relevant to strengthen governance capacity.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity is governed by its board of trustees, who are collectively responsible for strategic direction and oversight. Day-to-day operations are supported by volunteers. The charity works in collaboration with grassroots organisations,

		schools, and healthcare providers to deliver its objectives. It also engages with international supporters to strengthen its reach and impact.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The charity has no formal related party transactions. Trustees and volunteers may occasionally contribute personal donations or fundraising support, but these are declared and managed transparently in line with Charity Commission requirements.
Other		The trustees confirm that safeguarding policies are in place to protect children and vulnerable adults. Risks such as limited funding and reliance on volunteers are regularly reviewed and managed. The trustees acknowledge with gratitude the contributions of donors, volunteers, and partner organisations whose support has been vital to achieving the charity's objectives.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	BESTBUDDY SCHOLARSHIP & HOPE FOUNDATION
Other name the charity uses	BESH FOUNDATION
Registered charity number	1197722
Charity's principal address	1 Top Street, Middleton, Manchester M24 4BR

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Abimbola Fasanu		01/04/2024-31/03/2025	Abimbola Fasanu
2	Oyindamola Sosanya		01/04/2024-31/03/2025	Oyindamola Sosanya
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
The charity does not have corporate trustees.		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
The charity does not hold property in the name of individual trustees.		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	The charity does not hold any assets in a custodian capacity on behalf of other charities.
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable. The charity does not act as a custodian charity and therefore does not hold assets for any other organisation
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable. As no assets are held in a custodian capacity, there are no arrangements required for segregation or safe custody beyond the charity's own financial controls.

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
		The charity did not engage external advisers during the reporting period.

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

The charity does not employ a chief executive or senior staff. All activities are overseen directly by the trustees with volunteer support.

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Not applicable, as the charity has no paid staff or key personnel requiring disclosure.

Other optional information

The trustees confirm that safeguarding policies are in place, risks are regularly reviewed, and compliance with statutory obligations has been maintained. The trustees acknowledge with gratitude the contributions of donors, volunteers, and partner organisations.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) A O Fasanu

Full name(s) Abimbola Fasanu

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc) Chair

Date 24/01/2026

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From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	04	2023		31	03	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name BESTBUDDY SCHOLARSHIP & HOPE FOUNDATION

Other names charity is known by BESH FOUNDATION

Registered charity number (if any) 1197722

Charity's principal address

1 TOP STREET
MIDDLETON
GREATER MANCHESTER
Postcode M24 4BR

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Abimbola Fasanu	Chair		
2	Oyindamola Ganiat Sosanya			
3	Dare Gbadebo		21/03/2022-22/04/2023	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

CIO Foundation Constitution

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Company

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Appointed for a term of 3 years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

For the public benefit the advancement of education by providing tuition fees and resource materials to underprivileged schools in countries in Africa. The organisation provides uniforms to missionary school to empower thousands of children and enable them to take charge of their hope for a better future through education, with the aim to help create a culture of literacy and provide the tools of empowerment to the next generation of parents, teachers, and leaders in Africa. For the public benefit the relief of those in need anywhere in the world by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, or social or economic disadvantage in

particular but not exclusively by coordinating and developing services such as, the provision of bedding, clothing, food, finance and such other services for those in need as the trustees may determine.

Summary of the main activities

- The organisation operates by empowering children and young people by developing workshops and educational programmes that allow young people to develop through creative activities by giving free and/or affordable access to various creative arts workshops so that they can realise their creative potential and are inspired to build for themselves a vibrant, diverse, and connected community.
- The organisation uses the arts to encourage cooperation and problem solving, free expression, communication, imagination, creativity, and trust building by running workshops that use little or no digital gadgets so that the children will interact with each other and build social skills.
- The organisation focusses on helping vulnerable children and young people (5 – 18) from the most deprived areas of the local community, who are excluded from arts activities by means of their poverty, the opportunity to engage in arts activities that will improve their life skills and help alleviate them from the issues caused by their hardship.
- The organisation will also operate in developing countries, again alongside any established curriculum, providing mentoring and training to children and young people in need of support to help develop their self-confidence and mental strength.
- There will be numbers of activities offered to support the development of the individuals. The main methods of engagement will be dependent on geographical location – the two main types of communication will be through one to one mentoring sessions and mentoring via email and skype sessions. These will be pre-determined sessions set across a set period. This will range from 4 weeks to one year.
- The beneficiary will undertake several tests/assessments initially to assess need and identify areas of development. The sessions will provide the beneficiary with an opportunity to discuss their opportunities for development with support from the data in the tests.
- The reports formulated from the test results will provide an action plan and development suggestions for the beneficiary along with coaching suggestions for the mentor. The interventions and exercises will be delivered during this session. At key milestone points the beneficiary will be re-measured by the Mental Toughness measure.
- This will provide distance travelled reports and new data on how to support the individual. Through face-to-face interaction the mentor will support the beneficiary to take on the techniques and develop them as part of their everyday life. Online, the mentor will provide support and guidance to support the action plan. This will act as a point of reference and quality assurance.
- The mentoring will be provided by identified senior leaders who are willing to give their time for free to mentor individuals. Safeguarding and quality assurance will be overseen by Trustees through reporting mechanisms such as action plans and development plans.
- The intended outcome will be to raise the resilience and mental toughness of the beneficiary through the support and guidance of the mentor. To assist in outlining outcomes please refer to the mapping of mental toughness and learning and employability (attached). By raising the 4 components of mental toughness in an individual
- They will be developing their life skills which are transferable to the world of learning and employability. This will offer greater opportunity for social mobility/personal development and employability and enable more young people to reach their full potential.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Grant Making Policy

This policy outlines the principles, criteria, and processes governing how the foundation makes grants. [It complements the Gift Acceptance Policy, which defines the basis for accepting donations into funds.](#) Here are the key points:

1. Purpose:

- o The grant-making policy sets out guidelines for distributing funds.
- o It ensures alignment with the foundation's charitable purposes and any donor restrictions.

2. Principles:

- o **Ultimate Collective Responsibility:** The trustees collectively oversee all grant-making decisions.
- o **Delegation with Scrutiny:** Some decisions are delegated but remain subject to review.
- o **Conditions on Grants:** Trustees can apply specific conditions to grants.

3. Criteria for Grants:

- o The charity aims to support a wide range of organizations.
- o Focus areas include grassroots community groups and small-to-medium-sized voluntary organizations.
- o While registered charities are preferred, other organizations may receive funding for specific purposes.
- o [The foundation considers outcomes related to effective services and activities.](#)

Contributions made by volunteers:

Volunteers play a crucial role in supporting the charity's community initiatives. Their contributions include:

1. Time and Skills:

- o Volunteers generously donate their time, skills, and expertise.
- o They assist with various tasks, such as organizing events, mentoring, teaching, or providing administrative support.

2. Community Engagement:

- o Volunteers actively engage with local communities.
- o They build connections, foster trust, and create positive social impact.

3. Advocacy and Awareness:

- o Volunteers advocate for causes they believe in.
- o They raise awareness, educate others, and promote

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

positive change.

4. Fundraising and Donations:

- o Volunteers participate in fundraising efforts.
- o They organize events, campaigns, and donation drives.

5. Emotional Support:

- o Volunteers provide emotional support to those in need.
- o Their compassion and empathy make a difference.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Here's a summary of the charity's main achievements during the year:

1. Education Support in Nigeria:

- o The charity covered school fees for 50 primary and high school students residing in rural areas of Lagos and Ogun states in Nigeria. This initiative aims to enhance educational access and opportunities for these young learners.
- o Ensured access to education for these children, promoting learning and empowerment.

2. Academic Support for Children:

- o Initiated weekend lessons for 20 children who fell behind in their academics.
- o Addressed learning gaps and provided additional educational support.

3. Continuous High School Sponsorship in Kenya:

- o Ongoing sponsorship of one child's high school education in Kenya.
- o Investing in their future and educational growth.
- o Engage with our partner and our pupil to ensure adequate support is given

4. Website Development:

- o Revamp website to communicate the charity's work to sponsors and the public.
- o Improved transparency and accessibility for stakeholders.

5. Empowering Widows:

- o Empowered 50 widows: Provided support, skills, and resources to enhance their well-being.

6. Hospital Support for Struggling Parents:

- o Visited hospitals to aid struggling parents unable to get

discharged due to outstanding fees.

- o Alleviated financial burdens and facilitated their return home.

7. Empowering Parents in Farming:

- o Empowered five parents who wanted to start farming.
- o Promoted self-sufficiency and sustainable livelihoods.

8. Feeding Campaign:

- o Due to the level of poverty, fed 2500 single parents, widows and elderly indigents

9. Clean Environment

- o Support Nigerian spider man, with mission to make the city clean- Lagos, Ibadan and Osun State

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity operates without any reserves. They strictly adhere to spending only the funds received within a given year, avoiding any advance commitments.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

As of now, there is an outstanding deficit of £1035, which remains from the pre-registration period. The charity is actively addressing this outstanding amount

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

• **The charity primarily relies on the following sources of funds:**

1. Trustees, Friends, and Colleagues:

- o Trustee contributions play a significant role in supporting the charity's initiatives.
- o Friends and colleagues also contribute through donations and fundraising efforts.

• **How Expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity:**

1. Empowering Children and Young People through Creative Activities:

- o Expenditure on workshops, educational programs, and creative arts activities directly benefits young participants.
- o These activities provide opportunities for self-expression, imagination, and skill development.
- o By allocating funds to accessible workshops, the charity ensures that children and young people can explore their creative potential.

2. Promoting Cooperation, Communication, and Social Skills:

- o The charity's investment in workshops that minimize digital gadgets encourages face-to-face interaction.
- o Participants learn cooperation, problem-solving, and communication skills.
- o These skills are essential for building trust and fostering a vibrant, connected community.

3. Supporting Vulnerable Children and Youth from Deprived Areas:

- o Expenditure on outreach programs ensures that children facing hardship can access arts activities.
- o By targeting deprived areas, the charity addresses inequalities and provides a lifeline for those excluded due to poverty.
- o The goal is to alleviate the challenges these young individuals face.

4. Global Impact in Developing Countries:

- o The charity extends its reach beyond the UK, providing mentoring and training in developing nations.
- o By focusing on self-confidence and mental strength, it empowers children and youth worldwide.
- o The use of one-on-one mentoring sessions and online support ensures personalized guidance.

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Section F Other optional information

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Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)	Abimbola	Fasanu
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	29/12/2024	

BESTBUDDY SCHOLARSHIP & HOPE FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1197722

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	31	01	2022		31	03	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name BESTBUDDY SCHOLARSHIP & HOPE FOUNDATION

Other names charity is known by BESH FOUNDATION

Registered charity number (if any) 1197722

Charity's principal address

1 TOP STREET
 MIDDLETON
 GREATER MANCHESTER
Postcode M24 4BR

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Abimbola Fasanu	Chair		
2	Oyindamola Ganiat Sosanya			
3	Adebimpe Adepoju		31/01/2022-20/03/2022	
4	Dare Gbadebo		21/03/2022-22/04/2023	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CIO Foundation Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Company
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed for a term of 3 years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

For the public benefit the advancement of education by providing tuition fees and resource materials to underprivileged schools in countries in Africa. The organisation provides uniforms to missionary school to empower thousands of children and enable them to take charge of their hope for a better future through education, with the aim to help create a culture of literacy and provide the tools of empowerment to the next generation of parents, teachers, and leaders in Africa. For the public benefit the relief of those in need anywhere in the world by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, or social or economic disadvantage in

particular but not exclusively by coordinating and developing services such as, the provision of bedding, clothing, food, finance and such other services for those in need as the trustees may determine.

Summary of the main activities

- The organisation operates by empowering children and young people by developing workshops and educational programmes that allow young people to develop through creative activities by giving free and/or affordable access to various creative arts workshops so that they can realise their creative potential and are inspired to build for themselves a vibrant, diverse, and connected community.
- The organisation uses the arts to encourage cooperation and problem solving, free expression, communication, imagination, creativity, and trust building by running workshops that use little or no digital gadgets so that the children will interact with each other and build social skills.
- The organisation focusses on helping vulnerable children and young people (5 – 18) from the most deprived areas of the local community, who are excluded from arts activities by means of their poverty, the opportunity to engage in arts activities that will improve their life skills and help alleviate them from the issues caused by their hardship.
- The organisation will also operate in developing countries, again alongside any established curriculum, providing mentoring and training to children and young people in need of support to help develop their self-confidence and mental strength.
- There will be numbers of activities offered to support the development of the individuals. The main methods of engagement will be dependent on geographical location – the two main types of communication will be through one to one mentoring sessions and mentoring via email and skype sessions. These will be pre-determined sessions set across a set period. This will range from 4 weeks to one year.
- The beneficiary will undertake several tests/assessments initially to assess need and identify areas of development. The sessions will provide the beneficiary with an opportunity to discuss their opportunities for development with support from the data in the tests.
- The reports formulated from the test results will provide an action plan and development suggestions for the beneficiary along with coaching suggestions for the mentor. The interventions and exercises will be delivered during this session. At key milestone points the beneficiary will be re-measured by the Mental Toughness measure.
- This will provide distance travelled reports and new data on how to support the individual. Through face-to-face interaction the mentor will support the beneficiary to take on the techniques and develop them as part of their everyday life. Online, the mentor will provide support and guidance to support the action plan. This will act as a point of reference and quality assurance.
- The mentoring will be provided by identified senior leaders who are willing to give their time for free to mentor individuals. Safeguarding and quality assurance will be overseen by Trustees through reporting mechanisms such as action plans and development plans.
- The intended outcome will be to raise the resilience and mental toughness of the beneficiary through the support and guidance of the mentor. To assist in outlining outcomes please refer to the mapping of mental toughness and learning and employability (attached). By raising the 4 components of mental toughness in an individual
- They will be developing their life skills which are transferable to the world of learning and employability. This will offer greater opportunity for social mobility/personal development and employability and enable more young people to reach their full potential.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Grant Making Policy

This policy outlines the principles, criteria, and processes governing how the foundation makes grants. [It complements the Gift Acceptance Policy, which defines the basis for accepting donations into funds.](#) Here are the key points:

1. Purpose:

- o The grant-making policy sets out guidelines for distributing funds.
- o It ensures alignment with the foundation's charitable purposes and any donor restrictions.

2. Principles:

- o **Ultimate Collective Responsibility:** The trustees collectively oversee all grant-making decisions.
- o **Delegation with Scrutiny:** Some decisions are delegated but remain subject to review.
- o **Conditions on Grants:** Trustees can apply specific conditions to grants.

3. Criteria for Grants:

- o The charity aims to support a wide range of organizations.
- o Focus areas include grassroots community groups and small-to-medium-sized voluntary organizations.
- o While registered charities are preferred, other organizations may receive funding for specific purposes.
- o [The foundation considers outcomes related to effective services and activities.](#)

Contributions made by volunteers:

Volunteers play a crucial role in supporting the charity's community initiatives. Their contributions include:

1. Time and Skills:

- o Volunteers generously donate their time, skills, and expertise.
- o They assist with various tasks, such as organizing events, mentoring, teaching, or providing administrative support.

2. Community Engagement:

- o Volunteers actively engage with local communities.
- o They build connections, foster trust, and create positive social impact.

3. Advocacy and Awareness:

- o Volunteers advocate for causes they believe in.
- o They raise awareness, educate others, and promote

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

positive change.

4. Fundraising and Donations:

- o Volunteers participate in fundraising efforts.
- o They organize events, campaigns, and donation drives.

5. Emotional Support:

- o Volunteers provide emotional support to those in need.
- o Their compassion and empathy make a difference.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Here's a summary of the charity's main achievements during the year:

1. Education Support in Nigeria:

- o The charity covered school fees for 50 primary and high school students residing in rural areas of Lagos and Ogun states in Nigeria. This initiative aims to enhance educational access and opportunities for these young learners.
- o Ensured access to education for these children, promoting learning and empowerment.

2. Website Development:

- o Developed an easy-to-use website to communicate the charity's work to sponsors and the public.
- o Improved transparency and accessibility for stakeholders.

3. Fundraising and University Sponsorship:

- o Raised funds to sponsor a university student, covering the exact amount needed.
- o Contributed to higher education opportunities for deserving individuals.

4. Empowering Widows:

- o Empowered 20 widows: Provided support, skills, and resources to enhance their well-being.

5. Supporting an Orphanage in South Africa:

- o Assisted a struggling orphanage in South Africa, ensuring care and stability for vulnerable children.

6. Legal Support for Wrongly Accused Parents:

- o Visited a correctional centre in Abeokuta, Ogun state, Nigeria.
- o Supported parents who were wrongly accused by

providing legal assistance.

7. Hospital Support for Struggling Parents:

- o Visited hospitals to aid struggling parents unable to get discharged due to outstanding fees.
- o Alleviated financial burdens and facilitated their return home.

8. Empowering Parents in Farming:

- o Empowered five parents who wanted to start farming.
- o Promoted self-sufficiency and sustainable livelihoods.

9. Continuous High School Sponsorship in Kenya:

- o Ongoing sponsorship of one child's high school education in Kenya.
- o Investing in their future and educational growth.

10. Recognition and Awards:

- o Received the Extraordinary Achievers Exceptional Award in 2023.
- o Acknowledgment of outstanding contributions to the community.

11. Academic Support for Children:

- o Initiated weekend lessons for 20 children who fell behind in their academics.
- o Addressed learning gaps and provided additional educational support.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity operates without any reserves. They strictly adhere to spending only the funds received within a given year, avoiding any advance commitments.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

As of now, there is an outstanding deficit of £1035, which remains from the pre-registration period. The charity is actively addressing this outstanding amount

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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- the charity's principal sources of funds

- **The charity primarily relies on the following sources of funds:**

1. Trustees, Friends, and Colleagues:

- o Trustee contributions play a significant role in supporting the charity's initiatives.

(including any fundraising);

- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

- o Friends and colleagues also contribute through donations and fundraising efforts.

2. **JustGiving:**

- o When specific causes require additional funding, the charity utilizes JustGiving as a fundraising platform.
- o JustGiving allows individuals to donate online and support the charity's mission.

• **How Expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity:**

1. **Empowering Children and Young People through Creative Activities:**

- o Expenditure on workshops, educational programs, and creative arts activities directly benefits young participants.
- o These activities provide opportunities for self-expression, imagination, and skill development.
- o By allocating funds to accessible workshops, the charity ensures that children and young people can explore their creative potential.

2. **Promoting Cooperation, Communication, and Social Skills:**

- o The charity's investment in workshops that minimize digital gadgets encourages face-to-face interaction.
- o Participants learn cooperation, problem-solving, and communication skills.
- o These skills are essential for building trust and fostering a vibrant, connected community.

3. **Supporting Vulnerable Children and Youth from Deprived Areas:**

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- o By targeting deprived areas, the charity addresses inequalities and provides a lifeline for those excluded due to poverty.
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4. **Global Impact in Developing Countries:**

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Full name(s)	Abimbola	Fasanu
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	01/08/2024	